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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LABOR SECRETARY

REF: STATE 158986

ATTN: LABATT

1. SECRETARY OF LABOR TENTATIVE PLANS ARE TO ARRIVE TOKYO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AND REMAIN IN JAPAN UNTIL FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23. IT APPEARS THE SECRETARY WILL TRAVEL BY GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT. THERE WILL BE ABOUT 25 IN HIS PARTY. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY SEGALL AND HIS WIFE, AND STAFF NUMBERING ABOUT TWENTY. THERE MAY BE THREE OR FOUR AMONG THE STAFF AT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL.

2. IN ADDITION TO STAFF FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, TENTATIVE PLANS ARE THAT THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WILL BE REPRESENTED:

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A. INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS BUREAU

B. MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION

C. EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS (INCLUDES THE WOMEN'S BUREAU)

D. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

E. LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ADMINISTRATION

F. OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

G. OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

3. WE WILL CABLE THE LIST OF NAMES AND TITLES OF ALL STAFF MEMBERS TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY AS SOON AS IT IS CONFIRMED.

4. DOL SUGGESTS THAT IN ARRANGING THE WORK PROGRAM ILAB PERSONNEL BE BUILT INTO THE SECRETARY'S PROGRAM AND STAFF OF OTHER AGENCIES BE PROGRAMMED WITH THEIR COUNTERPART ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MOL. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WOMEN'S BUREAU WILL WISH TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE JOINT STUDY OF WOMEN WORKERS. SHOULD DOL STAFF MEMBERS EXPRESS ANY SPECIFIC DESIRES INsofar AS THEIR WORK PROGRAM IS CONCERNED WE WILL PASS THE INFORMATION TO YOU IMMEDIATELY.

5. IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, THE SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO VISIT INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS (E.G. AN AUTOMOBILE PLANT) AND CONSTRUCTION SITES. ONE OF THE SECRETARY'S INTERESTS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MOL AND UNION OFFICIALS IS OBTAINING THE REACTION OF JAPANESE WORKERS TO U.S. ECONOMIC AND TRADE POLICIES.

6. THE SECRETARY APPRECIATES THE LABOR MINISTER'S THOUGHTFULNESS IN PROPOSING TRIPS TO KYOTO AND NARA AND OTHER PLACES OUTSIDE TOKYO. DOL AGREES THAT SUCH TRIPS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE.

7. METCALF OF DOL WILL USE ANNUAL LABOR REPORT AND OTHER RECENT COMMUNICATIONS TO PREPARE BRIEFING PAPERS FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY ON LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN, THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MOL AND OTHER RELEVANT SUBJECTS. IF LABOR ATTACHE BELIEVES THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE UPDATED OR EXPANDED PLEASE TRANSMIT INFORMATION TO DOL ASAP. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE MOL WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL. SO WOULD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON TOP UNION OFFICIALS THE SECRETARY IS LIKELY TO MEET.

8. DOL WILL ALSO BRIEF THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY ON FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED BY AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING ECONCOM 9 COUNTERPART MEETINGS. IF LABOR ATTACHE HAS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON INTERESTS OF MOL WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL BE USEFUL IN PREPARING BRIEFING MATERIALS PLEASE INFORM ASAP.

9. DOL REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A) CONSIDERING SIZE OF GROUP, CAN EMBASSY FURNISH A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF INTERPRETERS?

B) IS IT NECESSARY FOR SOME OR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY TO BRING FORMAL ATTIRE?

C) DOL ASSUMES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECRETARY TO ENTERTAIN HIS HOSTS WHILE IN TOKYO. CAN EMBASSY GIVE GUIDANCE AS TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE TYPE AND SIZE OF FUNCTION? RUSH

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